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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1958



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PREFACE

Public Health Office,
12a, Institute Road,
Swanage, Dorset.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wareham and Purbeck
Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the Wareham and Purbeck Rural District for the year 1958.

There was no undue incidence of infectious disease and the health of the district, generally speaking, remained satisfactory throughout the year.

The number of live births were 14 more and the number of deaths were 17 more than in 1957. The birth and death rates compare favourably with those for the country as a whole.

It is pleasing to be able to report that the general housing position shows signs of gradual improvement after being more or less stationary for a few years. 67 more permanent houses were built than in 1957, and the worst houses are gradually being demolished, or not being used for human habitation. Nevertheless, the number of applicants on the list for Council houses remains approximately the same as in 1957, and there is no difficulty in finding urgent cases for rehousing in most areas of the district.

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My thanks are due to the Members of the Council for their kindness and consideration, and the Public Health Inspectors and other Officers of the Council for their help and co-operation throughout the year. In addition, I would like to thank Mr. Grant for his help in preparing this report, and Mr. Flatt for his notes on the engineering aspect of water supply and sewerage.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant

E. J. O'KEEFFE,
Medical Officer of Health

August, 1959.

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Office accommodation and clerical assistance for the Medical Officer of Health, who is also Medical Officer of Health to the Wareham Borough Council and Swanage Urban District Council, and Assistant County Medical Officer, Dorset, are provided jointly by the Authorities concerned.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the Rural District ...	...	...	...	95,954 acres
Population ...	...	...	at Census 1951	19,307
	as estimated by Registrar General	mid 1957	...	20,760
" " " "	"	mid 1958	...	20,720
Number of inhabited houses ...	...	at end of 1957	...	5,469
" " " "		at end of 1958	...	5,525
Rateable value at 1st. April, 1958	...	...	..	£176,318
Sum represented by Penny Rate 1957/58	...	...	...	£712.11.2

VITAL STATISTICS

Area comparability factors for births 1.10; for deaths 1.19

Live BirthsComparative Rates

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Wareham R.D.</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Total registered ...	382	186	196		
Legitimate ...	370	182	188		
Illegitimate ..	12	4	8		
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	18.4			20.2	16.4

Still-Births

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>		
Total registered ...	7	4	3		
Legitimate ...	7	4	3		
Illegitimate ..	-	-	-		
Still-births rate per 1,000 live & still-births	18.0			18.0	21.6

Total Live and Still-births

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total registered ...	389	190	199

Deaths

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>		
Total registered ...	200	95	105		
Death rate per 1,000 population	9.7			11.5	11.7

Infant deaths under 1 year

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total registered ...	8	4	4
Legitimate ...	7	4	3
Illegitimate ..	1	-	1

Infant deaths under 4 weeks

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total registered ...	6	4	2
Legitimate ...	6	4	2
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-

Infant Mortality

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - total	20.9	22.5
" " " " " " - legitimate	18.9	
" " " " " " illegitimate	83.3	
Neo Natal " " " " " "	15.7	

(first four weeks)

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	3.14
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live & still-births	Nil

CAUSES OF DEATH - YEAR 1958

(Supplied by the Registrar General)

Cause of Death				Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	-	1	1
2	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	...	...	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	...	...	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough	...	...	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	...	...	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	-	-	-
8	Measles	...	...	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases			1	-	1
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	..	...	5	8	13
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...		9	1	10
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	-	5	5
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	-	2	2
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms			14	7	21
15	Leukemia, aleukemia	...	...	1	4	5
16	Diabetes	...	...	-	-	-
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...		12	19	31
18	Coronary disease	...	...	14	9	23
19	Hypertension with heart disease	...		-	3	3
20	Other heart diseases	...	...	13	20	33
21	Other circulatory diseases	...	...	3	4	7
22	Influenza	...	...	1	2	3
23	Pneumonia	...	...	4	4	8
24	Bronchitis	...	...	2	1	3
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	...		-	-	-
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...		1	-	1
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...		-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	3	1	4
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	3	-	3
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...		-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	...	...	2	2	4
32	Other defined and ill defined diseases			4	12	16
33	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	2	-	2
34	All other accidents	...	...	1	-	1
35	Suicide	...	...	-	-	-
36	Homicide and operations of war	...		-	-	-
Total				95	105	200

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The demand for an adequate and pure supply of water has grown more and more insistant from the parishes in recent years, and the District Council has met the demand with proposals for a comprehensive scheme which will ultimately satisfy fully the demand of all but the more isolated parts of their district, and in the meantime they have developed local sources to give supplies to villages until water from the main Briantspuddle source becomes available.

Although at the end of the year there was no change in the source of water supply much work was in progress in connection with the first stage of the Council's comprehensive scheme to supply water to Bovington Camp and to the Atomic Energy Authority's Establishment at Winfrith, and the furnishing of a supply of water to the Harman's Cross area. The Harman's Cross area has suffered every summer from a shortage of water as the area relies for its supply mainly on rain-water and shallow wells.

Discussions continued during the year with neighbouring water undertakers with a view to regrouping of water undertakings. Proposals for the formation of a Poole and East Dorset Water Board into which the Rural District water undertakings would be absorbed have been considered, and it seems probable that the new Water Board will come into being in the very near future.

A total of 97 samples of water were taken during the year for bacteriological examination. 36 samples were taken from public supplies and 52 from individual wells. The results of bacteriological examinations are given on page 5. Where samples from public supplies were reported as unsatisfactory the result was found to be due to causes other than pollution of the supply.

Statutory Areas of Supply of Water Undertakings within the District

Poole Corporation Supply: The parishes of Lytchett Minster and Lytchett Matravers; so much of the parish of Morden as lies to the north of an imaginary straight line commencing at the most westerly extremity of the parish of Lytchett Matravers and running in a direction west by north terminating at the southernmost extremity of the parish of Sturminster Marshall, and so much of the parish of Wareham St. Martin as lies to the east of an imaginary line drawn parallel to and 200 yards to the west of the main road from Blandford to Wareham.

Swanage Urban District Council's Supply: The parish of Langton Matravers and the village of Corfe Castle.

Lulworth Castle Estate Supply: The parish of West Lulworth.

Main Comprehensive Scheme

Work commenced on 17th. February on the first stage of the scheme. The concreting of the 2 m.g. reservoir on Blackhill was completed and the reservoir tested satisfactorily for watertightness. The 15" main from Briantspuddle to Blackhill, and the 18" and 15" main to East Burton was laid and tested and water supplied to the U.K.A.E.R.E. Winfrith Heath at the end of December. The 9" pipework in the main to supply Bovington has been laid; this now leaves a small amount of 6" main to be laid and tested and the connection made into the existing storage tank.

The new 170 h.p. submersible pump has been fitted into the bore at Briantspuddle and was brought into operation on 19th. December. The alterations and instrumentation of the Pumping Station will be completed early in the New Year.

Village District Schemes

These are schemes for the supply of water from local sources until water becomes available from the main Briantspuddle source, and are planned so that the greater part of the installation and distributing mains can be used when the main comprehensive scheme is developed. Schemes have already been completed for supplying Church Knowle, Bloxworth and Morden, Winfrith, Stoborough, Ridge and Acton.

Harman's Cross

In this scheme the water is to be taken in bulk from the Swanage Urban District Council's supply via the Rural District Council's reservoir at Acton. Work commenced on 5th. August and steady progress has been maintained; the 4" main has been laid and tested from Langton Matravers along the Kingston Road via Downshay Lane to Harman's Cross. In all, approximately 50% of the mains have been laid and tested and the break-pressure tank at Primrose Hill is almost complete.

Wool

This is a scheme to take water from the Council's main from Briantspuddle to the A.E.R.E., to supply the village of Wool. The Minister of Housing and Local Government has given permission for the scheme to proceed and for tenders to be invited. Work is progressing on preparing the scheme and it is hoped that work will commence late in 1959.

Cold Harbour

This is a scheme to take water in bulk from the Wareham Borough Council's supply for distribution in the Cold Harbour area. The Ministry of Housing and Local Government are still in communication with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food regarding this scheme; no consent has yet been received for tenders to be invited.

Studland

This scheme is still in abeyance.

Public Piped Supplies

Acton: From a bulk supply taken from Swanage Urban District Council's supply.

Affpuddle and Turners Puddle: From the Briantspuddle source. This water is derived from a deep bore in the chalk at Briantspuddle and is chlorinated. Samples taken for bacteriological examination have proved satisfactory.

Bestwall area and a few houses at Worgret: From the Wareham Borough Council's supply.

Church Knowle, Bloxworth and Morden, and Winfrith: Each supplied from local sources by the Rural District Council.

Corfe Castle and Langton Matravers: From the Swanage Urban District Council's supply.

Stoborough and Ridge are supplied by the Rural District Council with water purchased in bulk from the Wareham Borough Council.

Upton, Lytchett Minster, Lytchett Matravers, Organford and Sandford from Poole Corporation supply.

West Lulworth, East Lulworth and Coombe Keynes from the Lulworth Castle Estate supply.

These supplies have been satisfactory throughout the year both with regard to quantity and quality.

Privately Owned

Chaldon Herring has a standpipe supply from Lulworth Castle Estate and the water bacteriologically is highly satisfactory.

Kingston, Kimmeridge and Wool Village have small piped gravity supplies from surface springs. The water, with the exception of the Kingston supply which is chlorinated, is untreated and the results of bacteriological examination of samples taken from these small supplies are variable.

Studland Village supply is derived from surface water collected on neighbouring heathland areas. The water is sand filtered and give consistent highly satisfactory results. The quantity of water available is very limited and shortage is experienced during summer months.

There has been no major alteration to the source of supply in these areas during the year.

Bacteriological Examination of Water Supplies

The classification adopted in the following tables is based on the suggestions for the classification of water, contained in the Ministry of Health Report 71 on the Bacteriological Examination of Water Supplies.

Supply	Parish	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Suspicious	Unsatisfactory
<u>(1) Public Supplies</u>					
Wareham & Purbeck R.D.C.	Briantspuddle	6	6	-	-
	Church Knowle	14	7	-	7
	Bloxworth	6	6	-	-
	Winfrith	8	6	-	2
Swanage UDC.	Langton Matravers	1	1	-	-
Poole Corp.	Wareham St. Martin	1	1	-	-
<u>(2) Village Piped Supplies Privately Owned</u>					
Private Estate Supplies	Studland	3	3	-	-
	West Lulworth	1	-	-	1
	Arne	1	-	1	-
	Lytchett Matravers	2	1	1	-
	East Holme	1	1	-	-
	Wool (Council houses)	1	1	-	-
<u>(3) Individual Wells and Supplies</u>					
Private wells, springs etc	Lytchett Matravers	14	6	2	6
	Arne	1	1	-	-
	East Stoke	4	3	1	-
	Morden	1	1	-	-
	Bere Regis	5	3	2	-
	Worth Matravers	8	2	1	5
	Corfe Castle	2	2	-	-
	Wool	11	4	1	6
	Langton Matravers	3	2	-	1
	Wareham St. Martin	1	1	-	-

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

There was no work on main sewerage schemes in the district during the year.

There are main sewerage systems in the villages of West Lulworth, Langton Matravers and Briantspuddle, and in the Sandford and Bestwall areas of the parish of Wareham St. Martin. Where there are no public sewerage systems the Council's housing estates in the various parishes have their own small sewage disposal units. The majority of the newer houses in the district have cesspool drainage and the Council maintains a cesspool emptying service; many of the older cottage properties have pail closet sanitation.

The Council has proposed schemes for the Upton area of Lytchett Minster and the villages of Wool and Corfe Castle.

Proposed Sewerage Schemes

Upton

Work on this scheme should have commenced in February, but was held over pending discussions regarding a joint scheme with Poole Corporation. Finally it was decided that the Council's own scheme should be adopted and Ministry approval was received in December. It is anticipated that work will commence in 1959.

Wool

An Inspector of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government visited Wareham and Wool on 4th. September to investigate the proposals for Wool Sewerage Scheme. Approval in principle to the scheme was received on 24th. October.

Detailed plans and sections are progressing and it is hoped that tenders will be invited in the New Year.

Corfe Castle

This scheme, which was the subject of a Ministry of Health Inquiry in 1947 is in abeyance for the time being.

Public Conveniences

Corfe Castle:

The Rural District Council provided a public convenience in 1951 to meet the need of tourists visiting this village.

Lulworth Cove

Conveniences are provided at Lulworth Cove by the Owner of the beach to meet the need of holiday makers.

Studland

Conveniences are provided at both ends of the beach by the Owner to meet the needs of holiday makers.

Work of conversion of the old telephone exchange into public conveniences commenced on 30th. June. The conveniences, although not fully completed, were opened to the public for the August Bank Holiday week end.

Apart from some trouble with the cesspool when first put into operation everything now appears to be functioning quite satisfactorily.

Number of Houses Connected to Public Sewers and Number of Cesspools abolished during the year.

Parish	No. of Connections to Sewer	No. of Cesspools abolished
Langton Matravers	5	3
Wareham St. Martin		
(a) Sandford	21	Nil
(b) Bestwall	Nil	Nil
West Lulworth	3	2
Briantspuddle	1	1

Public Sewerage System

1 Parish	2 Locality	3 No. of houses connected to sewer	4 No. of houses within 100' which could be connected to sewer	5 Total houses in parish	6 Percent Col.4 connected to sewer	7 Percent Col.5 connected to sewer
Langton Matravers	Village	137	227	348	60.3%	39.3%
Wareham St. Martin	Sandford	215	221	453	97.3%	49.7%
	Bestwall	67	67		100%	
Affpuddle	Briantspuddle	45	63	117	71.4%	38.4%
West Lulworth	Village	151	154	212	97.0%	71.0%

Remarks:

The West Lulworth sewage which is untreated is discharged into the sea in the deep water to the west of Lulworth Cove.

Sandford sewage is treated by sedimentation, sludge drying and effluent filtration. The effluent is discharged into the River Piddle.

Bestwall sewage is discharged untreated into the adjoining Wareham Borough Sewer.

Langton Matravers sewage is discharged untreated into the Swanage Urban District Council's sewerage system.

Briantspuddle sewage is treated by sedimentation, sludge drying and effluent filtration. The effluent ultimately reaches the River Piddle.

Public Cleansing

Refuse Collection

A satisfactory fortnightly collection service was maintained throughout the year. The refuse of the whole district is disposed of in a large disused gravel pit on an uninhabited heathland site. There has been no complaint of nuisance or rat infestation arising from the site.

Cesspool Emptying

A new cesspool emptier of 1,100 gallons capacity was purchased by the Council on 1st August, the old vehicle being kept to assist with outstanding work.

It is becoming exceedingly difficult to find suitable disposal points for sludge particularly in the parishes of Bere Regis, Winfrith, Bloxworth and Morden, Affpuddle and Lytchett Matravers.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREASummary of the Public Health Inspectors' work for the Year 1958Total number of Inspections and VisitsComplaints and Nuisances

Investigated	...	...	...	...	119
Visits	....	...	...	...	131

HousingHousing Acts

No. of houses inspected for defects	...	...	...	145
Visits for such purposes	...	...	...	159
Houses requiring repair	...	...	...	20
Houses overcrowded	...	...	...	13
Revisits	...	...	...	8

Public Health Acts

No. of houses inspected	...	...	...	99
No. of houses requiring repair	...	...	...	29
Visits	...	...	...	111

Drainage

Inspection of cesspools, septic tanks, etc.	...	...	...	286
Drains reconstructed or repaired	...	...	...	8
Drains tested	...	...	...	147
Cesspool drainage connected to sewer	...	...	...	2
Effluents sampled	...	...	...	Nil

Water Samples

Visits	...	...	...	69
Samples	...	...	...	66

Registered and Other Premises

Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	48
Schools	...	...	...	15
Public premises (Cinemas, lavatories, etc.)	...	...	...	21
Piggeries and stables	...	...	...	10
Factories	...	...	...	42

Infectious and Other Diseases

No. of houses visited	...	...	...	11
Visits	...	...	...	11
Disinfections carried out	...	...	...	11
Bedding and other clothing disinfected	...	...	...	2

Verminous Premises

No. of houses visited	...	...	...	9
No. of visits	...	...	...	9
Bedding and other clothing disinfected	...	...	...	2
Disinfestations	...	...	...	9

FoodVisits

Food Premises - Stores, Shops, Stalls, etc.	225
Slaughterhouses, Butchers Shops	...	...	...	521
Bakehouses	...	...	...	28
Dairies, Milkshops	...	...	...	21

Food Sampling

Milk samples	1
Ice Cream	72

Diseases of animals

No. of visits	5
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Abatement of Nuisances - Public Health Acts

Nuisances investigated	114
Informal notices served	23
Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	6
No. of Nuisances abated after (a) Informal action...	...	...	...	12
(b) Statutory action	...	...	...	10
No. of Informal Notices outstanding 31.12.58	...	...	...	13
No. of Statutory Notices outstanding 31.12.58	...	...	...	12

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

All milk sold by retail in the district is either pasteurised, tuberculin tested pasteurised, or tuberculin tested, as the Wareham and Purbeck Rural District is part of a specified area under Section 45 of the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies and Artificial Cream) Act, 1950.

No. of Milk Distributors on Register 31.12.58	...	...	15
No. of Dairy Premises on Register 31.12.58	...	...	4
Visits made to dairies during the year	...	...	21
No. of Notices served on owners with respect to dairies	...	...	3
No. of Notices complied with	...	...	3

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1949

The following licences granted by this Local Authority were in force at the end of the year -

No. of Dealers Licences for Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	9
No. of Dealers Licences for Pasteurised Milk	...	19
No. of Supplementary Licences to sell T.T. Milk	...	6
No. of Supplementary Licences to sell Pasteurised Milk	...	8

In addition one Pasteurising establishment in the district is licensed by the Food and Drugs Authority

Milk Sampling

The following are particulars of the 210 samples of milk taken in the district by the Food and Drugs Authority. Copies of the reports on all samples are sent to the District Medical Officer of Health -

Designation	No. of Samples	Results of Tests			
		Methylene Blue		Phosphatase	
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
Pasteurised	130	130	-	130	-
Tuberculin Tested	31	20	11		
Pasteurised T.T.	49	49	-	49	-
Total	210	199	11	179	-

Ice Cream

During the year there were 16 new registrations for the sale of Ice-cream under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. This brings the total number of premises on the register to 98.

69 samples were taken during the year and submitted to the Methylene Blue Reductase test with the following results -

<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Provisional Grade</u>
57	Grade 1
11	" 2
Nil	" 3
1	" 4

Three samples of Ice Lollies were found to be satisfactory.

Meat and Other FoodsMeat

The three slaughterhouses originally licensed by the Council in 1954 have continued in use throughout the year.

They are:-

- (1) Parkstone and Bournemouth Co-Operative Society
Slaughterhouse, Palmerstone Road, Upton.
- (2) J. W. Moss, West Street, Corfe Castle.
- (3) T. E. Applin & Sons, 85 West Street, Bere Regis.

Once again I am able to report that a 100% meat inspection service has been maintained throughout the year some 521 inspections having been paid. The following table indicates the details of carcasses inspected. This represents a 3% increase on the previous year.

		Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
No. of animals killed		1031	2170	258	1217	9248
No. of carcasses inspected		1031	2170	258	1217	9248
All diseases except T.B.	Carcasses condemned	-	12	5	1	10
	Carcasses of which some part was condemned	169	879	7	142	2287
	Percentage	16.4%	41.0%	4.6%	11.7%	24.8%
T.B. Only	Carcasses condemned	1	23	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Carcasses of which some part was condemned	9	96	Nil	Nil	53
	Percentage	0.9%	5.4%	Nil	Nil	0.5%

Total weight of meat and offal condemned - 21 tons, 10 cwts, 2 qtrs, 13 lbs.

In addition some 6 carcasses were found to be infected with *Cysticercus Bovis*. The infected organs were condemned and the carcasses detained in freeze for 21 days.

This gives an incidence of 0.2%

Knackers Yards

The two knackers yards in the district were regularly inspected and conditions in both were found to be satisfactory throughout the year.

Watercress

From August onwards a series of weekly visits was made to the watercress beds within the district and samples taken of both the cress and the water supplying the beds. All samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological analysis and a summary of the results is set out in the following table:-

Nature of Sample	Point of Sampling	Number of Samples								
		Entirely Negative	Coliforms without Faecal Coli	Faecal coli per 100 gms						
				1-10	11-25	26-50	51-100	101-180	180+	
Water-cress	Direct from beds.	1								
	In transit to bunching shed			2						
	Washing shed					2				
	Bunching shed	16	2	5	3	9	3		18	
Water					Faecal coli per 100 ml.					
	Cress bed inlet	40	7	9	2	2				
	Cress bed outlets	1 (Deosan Treated)	1	1						
	Direct from cress bed			1	1	1		1	1	
	Storage tank				1	1				
	Storage tank inlet	1	1							
	Storage tank outlet	1		1						
	Direct from spring bed						2			

It does not seem possible to lay down rigid bacteriological standards for the purity of watercress or the water in which it is grown. It is suggested that the sampling of watercress at whatever stage of its production and of the water from the cress beds and storage tanks should be used only as a guide and check.

Provided the water at the source of supply to the cress beds is of the bacteriological standard of a reasonable good well water, and in the absence of any obvious sources of pollution and with reasonable methods of handling, undue importance should not be attached to occasional high B. coli counts obtained from watercress exposed for sale.

Food Premises

(1) No. of Food Premises by type of business in the district

Grocery & General Provisions	62	Green Groceries	6
Sweets - Confectioners	12	Bakehouses	7
Fried Fish Shops	3	Butchers Shops	8
Hotels and Public Houses	31	Slaughterhouses	3
Cafes & Restaurants	30		

(2) No. of Food Premises by type registered

(a) Under Sec. 14 Food and Drugs Act 1931

Manufacturers of sausages etc.	5
Fish frying	3
Sale of ice cream	98

(b) Under Milk & Dairies Regulations

Dairy premises	4
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(3) No. of inspections of Registered Food Premises

Premises for manufacture of sausages	15
Fish frying premises	12
Ice Cream "	69
Dairy "	21

H O U S I N G

The statistics of the Rural Housing Survey completed in 1956 are tabulated below in an amended form after making allowances for the construction of new houses, the demolition of unfit houses and the re-categorisation of others following improvement grants.

<u>Total</u>	<u>Cat. 1</u>	<u>Cat. 2</u>	<u>Cat. 3</u>	<u>Cat. 4</u>	<u>Cat. 5</u>
5226	2158	629	849	1163	427

A moderate policy for the demolition of unfit properties or slum clearance has been pursued with the result that 14 demolition orders or undertakings have either been made or accepted.

The number of applications for improvement grants fell slightly from the previous year's total. Nevertheless during the year some 43 applications for grant were approved.

Housing Act, 1949, Sec. 20

No. of enquiries received during 1958 ...	...	...	93
No. of applications previously approved but completed 1958 ...	...	...	40
No. of separate dwellings provided ...	...	...	40
Number of applications submitted during 1958 ...	...	...	53
No. of dwellings concerned ...	...	...	53
No. of applications approved ...	...	...	43
No. of dwellings concerned ...	...	...	43
No. of applications refused ...	...	...	10
No. of schemes completed during 1958 ...	...	...	15
No. of dwellings concerned ...	...	...	15
No. of schemes under construction at 31.12.58 ...	...	...	20
No. of applications approved but not yet started...	...	...	8
No. of dwellings concerned ...	...	...	8
No. of applications withdrawn...	...	...	Nil

New Houses

Total number of new houses erected during 1958 -

(a) Permanent	...	...	...	140
(b) Prefabricated	...	...	...	Nil
(c) Temporary	...	...	...	1

Number erected during 1958 with State assistance -

(a) by Local Authority				
(i) Permanent	...	...	...	10
(ii) Prefabricated	...	...	...	Nil
(b) by other Bodies or Persons	...	...	...	Nil

Number erected during the year by Private Enterprise ... 130

Number of temporary buildings erected ... 1

Number of houses owned by the Local Authority ... 939

Control of Moveable Dwellings

During the year the Council approved, under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936, the issue of 5 licences to station individual moveable dwellings. Licences in force at 31.12.58:-

(1) Sites	...	...	39
(2) Individual Caravans	...	...	90

HOUSING PROGRESS - 1958

Parish	Houses completed 1958	In course of construction at end of 1958	Total houses owned 31.12.58	Proposed houses 1959	No. of Applicants on housing list Dec. 58
Affpuddle	-	2	5	-	5
Arne	-	-	48	-	22
Bere Regis	-	-	76	2(O.S)	15
Bloxworth	-	-	8	-	1
Chaldon Herring	-	-	8	-	-
Church Knowle	-	-	6	-	1
Coombe Keynes	-	-	6	-	1
Corfe Castle	2	-	58	4	24
East Holme	-	-	-	-	-
East Lulworth	-	-	6	-	-
East Stoke	-	-	10	-	2
Kimmeridge	-	-	-	-	-
Langton Matravers	-	2	42	-	12
Lytchett Matravers	-	2	86	4	17
Lytchett Minster *	-	-	136(6)	(6 (2(O.S)	59
Morden	-	-	22	-	6
Moreton	-	-	6	-	3
Steeple	-	-	4	-	-
Studland	-	-	42	-	3
Turners Puddle	-	-	-	-	-
Tyneham	Military Training Area				
Wareham St. Martin	2	2	104(50)	14(P.R)	61
West Lulworth	2	-	22	-	18
Winfrith Newburgh	2	-	32	-	12
Wool	2	-	66	6	30
-do- (Bovington)	-	-	140	(6 (4(O.S)	49
Worth Matravers	-	-	6	-	4
	10	8	939(56)	26 8(O.S) 14(P.R)	345 ø

* 40 B.D.H. dwellings subsidised by the Government NOT included
 Figures in brackets () indicate temporary prefabricated bungalows included in totals.

O.S. indicates part of 1958 programme outstanding.

P.R. indicates prefab. replacements.

ø includes approximately 33 transfer applications.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

There were no serious outbreaks of notifiable infectious disease in the district during the year.

No cases of diphtheria or of acute poliomyelitis were notified. There were eight deaths from pneumonia and 1 from respiratory tuberculosis, apart from these there were no deaths from notifiable infectious disease. Influenza, which is not a notifiable infectious disease, was the cause of 3 deaths compared with 4 in 1957.

Scarlet Fever:

Five cases were notified compared with 7 in the previous year. No case was admitted to hospital.

Whooping cough and Measles:

Twenty-seven cases of whooping cough and 233 cases of measles were notified compared with 80 cases of whooping cough and 141 cases of measles in 1957. In no case was there undue severity or complications and no case was admitted to hospital for treatment.

Dysentery:

One case of Sonne type was notified.

Food Poisoning:

One case of food poisoning due to *Salmonella typhi murium*, which was isolated from the faeces, was notified. A sample of the suspected food, the remains of a meat pasty, was negative for *Salmonella typhi murium*. Investigation at the bakery where the pasty was made and cooked proved negative. *Salmonella typhi murium* was isolated from the faeces of 3 of the 5 home contacts of the case. These 3 remained symptomless and well and were presumed to be temporary carriers.

Tuberculosis

Fifteen new cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified compared with 10 in 1957. No other forms of tuberculosis were notified. There was one death from respiratory tuberculosis and none from other forms of tuberculosis.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

The local health authority continued the vaccination of children and others eligible under the scheme initiated by the Ministry of Health, and during the year 2,715 were given a course of two injections by the District Medical Officer of Health, compared with 756 in 1957.

Notifications (Corrected) Figures

Disease	1st. Qtr.	2nd. Qtr.	3rd. Qtr.	4th. Qtr.	Total	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	1	1	-	3	5	-	-
Whooping cough	1	9	2	15	27	-	-
Measles	80	97	56	-	233	-	-
Tuberculosis- respiratory	6	1	6	2	15	8	1
- other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Ac. Pneumonia	5	-	-	3	8	2	8
Food Poisoning	-	-	1	-	1	1	-

Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified during 1958

Disease	Total	Age Groups									
		Under 1	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 & Ov.	A.U.
Scarlet fever	5	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-
Whooping cough	27	1	2	4	2	2	14	-	-	2	-
Measles	233	5	12	20	22	17	135	19	1	1	1
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
		Under 5	5 - 14	15 - 44	45 - 64	65 & Ov.	A.U.				
Ac. Pneumonia	8	2	2	-	4	-	-				
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	1	-	-	-				
		Under 5	5 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	65 & Ov.	A.U.			
Tuberculosis - respiratory	15	1	2	2	7	2	1	-			
- other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			

Scabies and Verminous Conditions

One case of scabies, and no case of verminous conditions were reported during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47. Removal of Persons in Need of Care and Attention to Suitable Premises

It was not necessary to take action under this section of the Act during the year.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for the Purposes of Provisions as to Health (including Inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		In-spections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by local authority	22	16	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by local authority	39	18	5	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority(excluding Outworkers premises)	35	8	4	-
Total ...	96	42	9	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of Cases in which Defects were found				No.of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Re-medied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding(S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature(S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation(S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	9	9	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act(not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total ...	9	9	-	-	-

OUTWORK

Section 110 and 111

Nature of Work	No.of Out-workers in August List reqd.bySec. 110(1)(e)	No.of Cases of de-fault in sending lists to Council	No.of Pro-secutions for failure to supply Lists	No.of in-stances of work in un-wholesome premises	Notices served	Pro-secu-tions
Wearing apparel (making etc. cleaning & washing)	45	-	-	-	-	-

